

EDITORIALS

Still More Set-Backs

Torrance Boulevard, one of the city's main arteries of business life, is apparently slated to receive one set-back after another—30 in all—if the action of the city's planning commission is to be a guidepost.

After two public hearings on a petition filed by property owners facing the boulevard in the area between Madrid Ave. and Crenshaw, the planners have delayed a decision on rezoning because there are "several new members on the commission."

(The new members were allowed to vote on the highly controversial variance application of a North Torrance Church, just a few minutes earlier, however.)

Opposition to the plan to rezone the two and one-half block island of Torrance Blvd. to make it conform to existing commercial zones on either end of the area is nebulous, but apparently well placed. No one has publicly opposed the petition, and no oral or written protests have been filed with the city on the plan.

On the contrary, signers of the petition requesting the change of zone represent a sizable majority of the property owners in the area in question.

Proponents of a Greater Torrance Business district see Torrance Blvd. as the ideal site for expansion of the city's business district.

The planners, however, appear to prefer spot zoning to a well-planned commercial development. The area is now commercial, regardless of the zoning in force. The City Council, on recommendation of the Planning Commission, has already granted four commercial variances in the area which contains 30 lots. They would have little choice but to grant others if requested.

Under the conditions set down by the Planning Commission, the variances have been granted with provisions for front, side, and corner lot set-backs, type of architecture, parking facilities, and other amenities, all of them very nice, but hardly attractive to businesses that will pour money into the city's treasury through sales taxes and other sources of city revenue.

We believe that it is about time for the planners, new and old, to take another long look at Torrance and its potentialities, and to think about providing investors with an attractive zoning package in an effort to build the city—not shackle it.

New Tax Deadline Proposal

Some 55 million individual U.S. income tax payers may get an extra month to file their income tax returns in 1955. At least that is the proposal recently approved by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The proposal was recommended by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and is designed to give individual income tax payers more time to compute their taxes and estimates. Representative Daniel A. Reed, New York Republican, says the new date would ease the burden of both taxpayers and those who assist others in the preparation of returns.

We are in favor of the change for several reasons. Accountants have long suffered a crippling rush in their business between January 1st and March 15th. Thereafter business for accountants and lawyers concerned with

tax returns declines to a tremendous degree. Naturally these specialists must charge the public more for their time in the rush period of the year than they do after March 15th.

The new proposal would probably result in less costly service to some taxpayers, and would give all those who figure their own returns another month in which to complete their work. Corporations, which generally have adequate personnel to compute their taxes, are not affected by the proposed change.

The idea is merely to assist the country's 55 million individual income tax payers and professional assistants who have been collaborating in a last-minute drama each March for many years. There appears to be little opposition to the proposal and chances for enactment seem unusually good.

On Learning to Play

Sociologists at the University of Chicago have come to the conclusion that it is as hard to learn to play as it is to learn to work. This is one of the conclusions reached by certain Chicago specialists who have been making a three-year study in Florida.

The first report on this study appeared recently in the American Journal of Sociology, which was an issue devoted to the subject of growing old. One of the sociologists, L. C. Michelon, says there is a great difference between leisure time, when one has a job, and when one is retired. The leisure time, when one is retired, actually loses its appeal as leisure time, since there is no work ahead and, therefore, no contrast making leisure pleasant.

He points out that television, rides in the country and hobbies are fine for the person who has regular work, but that they lose some of their appeal when they become not the pause between activities, but the major activities of one's life. No longer are these escapes a way to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily living, but they become living itself. If, in the mind of the individual concerned, he has some hobby which he considers work, then the situation might be changed entirely.

This latest study, like many earlier ones, indicates that Americans now dedicated to the task of making a living, should spend some time and effort developing worthy hobbies. All of the research in this field indicates that those who learn to play, while they are working, are better suited for retirement than those who have never taken the time to learn how to spend their leisure time.

A Word for Sailors

Representative D. R. Matthews, Democrat from Gainesville, Florida, comes up with a suggestion which any ex-Navyman would support. He says the Navy ought not to call its enlisted officers "petty" officers.

Matthews says he thinks the term "petty" was bequeathed to Americans by the British. And, although he says he is not an Anglophobe, he prefers to use another name in describing the Navy's enlisted officers.

The main reason he objects to the word is the dictionary's definition of it. Petty is defined in the dictionary as "small, trifling or inferior." "I am sure these names have no part in the magnificent work that petty officers in our Navy perform," says Matthews.

We have often wondered just why the Navy's enlisted officers are known as petty officers, and since the word is not a particularly appropriate one for this category of officers, we believe Matthews has come up with something. His proposal to call petty officers "enlisted" officers is about as good as other suggestions, and sooner or later, the Navy will probably discard the word "petty."

The basic need of the world is spirituality. The issue between free people and Communism is not economic—the issue is the preservation of the freedom of man as a living soul.

GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Party Lines a Little Confused



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answer which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE:

Dust storms subside in mid-west! ... Sharks infest lower California coast! ... New Congressional battle looms over Eisenhower Security Plan! ... Epidemic of sleeping sickness spreads panic on north African coast! ... Science discovers key to fatigue with a remedy of nutritional hormone diet! ... New comet strikes New Orleans area! ... Storms sweep north Atlantic resulting in cancellation of aircraft for three days! ... Wyoming faces new boom in oil! ... New York free public school education for adults hailed as major event of the year for vocational training! ... Waltz craze cancels out bebop bands in metropolitan centers! ... Famed Hollywood star ends life because of fading career! ... San Francisco makes bid to become number one city on west coast! ... New household inventions flood market in September!

A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION:

Prophecy has been a great part of all religions from the beginning of time and the greatest of all prophetic literature can be found thru the Revelations of the Mormon Church of the Latter Day Saints. The leaders of the Faith tell us of a coming famine in America which will be so great that many millions will starve due to a coming revolution in the weather and the harsh climatic conditions to soon prevail in the Time of

the End. When these warnings were issued in the middle 1800's America was a booming Garden of Eden, but now we have slowly squandered our resources which has resulted in dust storms, flash floods and droughts! Will we take the warning of these great Prophets to stand fast against this coming onslaught of Nature and God?

FOR WOMEN ONLY:

You will strive for the look of the Temple Goddess with your eye makeup this summer. The eye lid is lined with deep blue and given the exotic Oriental look in the corners, and this is dramatically made glamorous by the addition of a beauty mark placed at the cheek ridge near your eye!

You will be most pleased with a new girle made of transparent spun gold which will make you inches thinner for the new and startling fall fashions! You can make money in your home by organizing a "nursery" for the children of mothers who work in your area. The extra room you have in your house can be inexpensively remodeled into a play room. One of our readers in New York City found that an extra bedroom made an ideal place, and now keeps the children, not only during the day, but also babysits at night! One of the most successful facials to be taken at home can be accomplished thru the use of oat meal cooked with castle soap for about forty minutes. You then allow this to cool. Spread this over the face, neck and into

the bosom line, allow to dry, and then take a small compression brush and work upward, removing the mask by continually dipping the brush in hot water. After the mask is removed, pat the skin dry with absorbent cotton pads, then take a small piece of ice and tone the skin by rubbing the ice over the entire surface. Follow by a massage with olive oil and rinse with ice-cold water. This famous beauty secret was given to me in confidence with the promise not to mention her name by a star who looks half her age. The Editor of this newspaper wanted you women to share this secret of youthful skin!

Dear Criswell:

Will we sell our house and build in the near future?

BEATRICE N-17610
My dear Beatrice:
You will sell your home to some one new in California and then you will build a four-unit house, all under one roof, small apartments, close in, low rentals, and you will find this will prove a very good investment. The only way I can answer your personal questions and give you personal advice is through the columns of this splendid paper, the Torrance Herald. Both Mr. Bundy and myself appreciate your loyalty to this newspaper, and I would be most happy to answer your friend's question if she will write me. May will prove a happy month.

Dear Criswell:

What about my young grandson?

MRS. MARY E. C-4325
My dear Mary:
You are always most unselfish, always concerned about others before you think of yourself. Your grandson wants to be a drummer, but he must know and recognize that the successful musical artist or any artist is first the successful business man. If your grandson has the fortune to organize his own band and secure bookings on his own, he is on the way to success and nothing can stop him. If he is content to rely on the activities of others for his own activity, he is doomed to failure.

Dear Criswell:

Will my husband become a member of my faith and will we complete our present happiness by the adoption of a baby?

MRS. YVONNE M-2515
My dear Yvonne:
You are asking your husband a great deal to become a member of your faith by renouncing his, but his love for you is so great that in time he will do so. This man will accept your faith in a matchless devotion. Yours is an enviable marriage. There will come a way to adopt this boy to make your life complete.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

SHOWDOWN AT GENEVA

The United States and the Republic of Korea have traveled a hard, bitter road since the Communist attack across the 38th parallel in June, 1950. The final showdown between the United States and the Communists is scheduled for Geneva on April 26. If past and present performances of Russia, China and North Korea are to be taken in true perspective, the Geneva Conference is doomed to failure.

Secretary of State Dulles has reiterated his position that, in agreeing to Red China's participation at Geneva, we are not implying diplomatic recognition. This is, of course, true. We are not implying recognition at Geneva. But Russia and our Allies, Britain and France, who favor China's recognition into the UN, have gained an important point toward that objective. This was a diplomatic defeat for the U. S., no matter how the Secretary of State spells it. It is another step toward the recognition of Red China. At Geneva, too, Russia will be seated as "neutral," in agreeing to this, Secretary Dulles reversed our previous position at the UN Assembly when we insisted that in any Korean Conference Russia must participate as a co-belligerent, which she, of course, has been.

It had been five years since the foreign ministers of the Big Four convened prior to the recent Geneva Conference. This meeting was important for the reason that it verified our suspicions that Malenkov-Molotov were perpetuating the Stalin-Vishinsky deceit. Secretary Dulles made the best of an impossible situation in Berlin. We did succeed in strengthening relations with our Allies in Europe. We held a united front against Russia. We forced Molotov's hand for all Europe to see. The defense of Europe can now go on with greater unity and dispatch. These are important gains. In the coming Geneva Conference we shall see whether or not we paid too high a price in Asia for what we won in Europe.

Remember Korea
In the coming Geneva Conference on Korea we must remember the price we paid in blood and billions in Korea. We must not forget the sacrifice of the South Korean people. There is no middle-ground between a free, united, inde-

pendent Korea and Communist enslavement. Since we and South Korea made the greatest sacrifices, we and South Korea should have the greatest voice. The following casualty list should be held high in the Geneva Conference for our friends to see.

Our Casualties in Korea
Although 53 members of the United Nations endorsed military assistance to the Republic of Korea, only 15 furnished any fighting troops. In defense of Korea, our total UN casualties were 1,474,289, of which 1,512,886 were suffered by the heroic Republic of Korea. Here is the breakdown of all casualties suffered by UN members, as I gathered them in Korea after covering the Armistice at Panmunjom last year.

- 1. Britain: 710 dead, 2,378 wounded, 1263 missing, 766 captured. Total, 5017.
 - 2. Turkey: 717 dead, 2245 wounded, 167 missing, 219 captured. Total, 3349.
 - 3. Australia: 291 dead, 1240 wounded, 18 missing, 11 captured. Total, 1591.
 - 4. Canada: 291 dead, 1072 wounded, 21 missing, 12 captured. Total, 1396.
 - 5. France: 288 dead, 818 wounded, 18 missing, 11 captured. Total, 1135.
 - 6. Thailand: 114 dead, 794 wounded, 5 missing, 0 captured. Total, 713.
 - 7. Greece: 169 dead, 543 wounded, 2 missing, 1 captured. Total, 715.
 - 8. Netherlands: 111 dead, 589 wounded, 4 missing, 0 captured. Total, 704.
 - 9. Colombia: 140 dead, 452 wounded, 65 missing, 29 captured. Total, 688.
 - 10. Ethiopia: 120 dead, 535 wounded, 2 missing, 0 captured. Total, 656.
 - 11. Philippines: 92 dead, 290 wounded, 67 missing, 40 captured. Total, 488.
 - 12. Belgium/Luxembourg: 97 dead, 350 wounded, 67 missing, 1 captured. Total, 453.
 - 13. New Zealand: 34 dead, 80 wounded, 0 missing, 0 captured. Total, 114.
 - 14. South Africa: 20 dead, 0 wounded, 16 missing, 6 captured. Total, 42.
- UNITED STATES: 25,604 dead, 105,961 wounded, 7,955 missing, 4631 captured. Total, 140,151 (Incomplete).
- REPUBLIC OF KOREA: 218,184 dead, 906,000 wounded, 114,028 missing, 74,879 captured. Total, 1,312,886.
- Best we fought!

THE MAIL BOX

Thanks for Help

The Torrance Herald
I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for the excellent editorial which was written in the number one spot of the Torrance Herald on Mar. 4, and for the excellent support you have given the school program in the past.
The Board of Education was very appreciative of this gesture and there has been considerable discussion in the community about a newspaper that would take the time and trouble to come out and endorse the school bond issue.
I am sure that it was appreciated by the parents and children of the community as well.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. Hull

Nameless Drama

The Hampton Players next stage production will include every technique of movement that the movies boast of and many that they cannot equal. All their actors are three-dimensional. In fact, some would like to look a little less solid than they do. The entire production will be in full color. The color consultant being Dame Nature they can guarantee a realistic effect. They have also revived an ancient sound system in which each actor speaks his own lines. Truly impressive.

And if by some mischance a martini or hors d'oeuvres should come flying toward the audience, you'd best duck, for they are real. We regret to say, alas, that the dresses served in the play are not real. Only on the stage could it be true that the actor must stay sober in order to play a convincing drunk.

Kidding aside, if you tire of wild screens, narrow screens, polaroid glasses, and celluloid heroes or if drama under glass on television no longer gives you a kick, write down these dates: April 2, 3, 9, and 10. For this is when Jim Reeves, Mary Woodson, Carl Rodgers, Pat Rodgers, Bruce Sutton, and

Frank Callahan will step on the stage at Redondo Union High School, become diplomats and statesmen, and play out a little slice of Washington skulduggery to amuse you.

This play has delighted audiences from coast to coast and with the direction in the capable hands of Bob Farnsworth it is bound to gladden you. All you have to do is show up.

Unfortunately they have not made a movie of this yet so unless you've seen it on the stage before, you're going to have to come down to the Redondo High School on April 2, 3, 9, or 10 to discover how everything turned out. Did the butter do it? What did he do if he did do it? What did he do if he did do it? What did he do if he did do it? Why, to serve those alcohol-less drinks, of course.

WARREN LAVERDER
(Ed. Note—What's the name of the play?)

Note from School

Editor:
We learned a lot about the newspaper when we went through the Herald last week. We enjoyed it very much. It was very interesting learning all about the machines.

We are sending you a copy of our paper. We hope you will like it.
Thank you for spending so much time with us.
THE FOURTH GRADE
El Nido School

History Lesson

Editor
The Torrance Herald
In school we are studying Communism, and since the newspaper is one type of communication I would appreciate any information that you could send me that tells how the newspaper operated and what happens from the time a reporter gets the news to the time the public reads it.
Thank you very much
Suzanne Rice

LAW IN ACTION

HOMESTEADS
A homestead is a form of home ownership designed to protect against loss because of financial troubles. For example, suppose you fall to pay a debt. Your creditor might be able to go into court and have your home sold to pay his claim.
To give people security, within limits, your home can be exempt from creditor's claims. Remember, the exemption is not automatic. You must claim the exemption under the homestead law before your creditors reach it.

To homestead your place, you fill out a "declaration of homestead" and record it with the county recorder.
The law limits the amount to which a home is exempt from creditor's claims. It would not be fair, say, for a \$30,000 home to be fully exempt.

When a man or wife dies, the homestead passes to the other spouse at once. The property cannot be sold to pay off unpaid debts.

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